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Responsive to the action mailed January 9, 2004, Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 17-23 and 25-30). The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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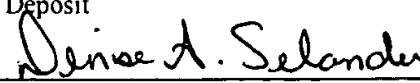

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